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SUBJECT: COMPUTERS TO LIBYA

1. IN RESPONSE TO VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S INQUIRY ABOUT
THE SALE OF COMPUTERS TO LIBYA BY U.S. FIRMS YOU SHOULD
CONVEY THE FOLLOWING:

-- ALL COMPUTERS SOLD ABROAD BY U.S. FIRMS REQUIRE LICENSES
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

-- THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF LICENSES: CASE BY CASE
LICENSES FOR THE LARGEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERS
AND BULK LICENSES UNDER WHICH GENERAL APPROVAL IS GIVEN
FOR THE SHIPMENT OF MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZE COMPUTERS

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WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF APPLYING FOR A SEPARATE LICENSE
IN EACH CASE.

-- AT LEAST ONE MAJOR U.S. COMPUTER MANUFACTURER IS
AUTHORIZED TO USE THE BULK LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR SHIP-
MENTS TO LIBYA BUT THE VOLUME OF SUCH SHIPMENTS TO LIBYA
IN 1976, IF ANY, IS UNKNOWN.

-- THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED ITS 1976 LICENSING RECORDS FOR CASE BY CASE SALES TO LIBYA AND FOUND THAT NO LICENSES WERE ISSUED FOR COMPUTER EXPORTS TO THE LIBYAN MILITARY. EXPORT LICENSES FOR SALES VALUED AT 2.25 MILLION DOLLARS WERE ISSUED FOR SALE OF COMPUTERS FOR CIVILIAN USES IN SUCH AREAS AS PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, GEOPHYSICAL MAPPING, AND BUSINESS. TWO OF THE COMPUTERS SOLD TO LIBYA IN 1976 COULD HAVE MILITARY USES SUCH AS PROCESSING OF SIGNAL DATA FOR RADAR. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO SUCH USES.

2. FYI THE BULK LICENSING PROCEDURE NOTED ABOVE MAKES LIBYA ELIGIBLE FOR BULK LICENSES BUT EXCLUDES EGYPT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER MIDEAST COUNTRIES. THIS ANOMALY EXISTS BECAUSE EGYPT AND THE OTHERS DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WHEN THE BULK LICENSING PROCEDURE WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN REVISED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD MAKE EGYPT ELIGIBLE FOR BULK LICENSING AND LIBYA INELIGIBLE ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY COMMERCE.
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